

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5           A method and apparatus is provided to protect the mail carrier and mail  
recipient from exposure to mail contaminated with biological agents. A bio-safe device  
is user programmed and loaded with an inexpensive decontaminant to automatically  
perform a treatment cycle on deposited mail to eliminate anthrax and other infectious  
agents from within an enclosed mail receptacle. This provides the delivery mail carrier  
10 or an individual mail recipient the means to destroy infectious agents before physical  
contact with the mail.